

### **REMARKS**

This amendment is submitted to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 14, 2005. By way of this amendment, the specification has been amended to correct informalities associated therewith. By way of this amendment, pending claims 1-9 have been amended and new claims 10-13 added. Currently, claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Additionally, claims 7-9 are objected to for informalities with respect to the unit label of degrees Celsius and proper punctuation. By way of the amendments to claims 7-9, these objections are submitted to have been addressed.

#### **Remarks Directed to Rejection of Pending Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

Pending claims 1-9 have been rejected as failing to set forth the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention. In particular, the Examiner has noted that the specification process involves the formation of an amine salt of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid which is recrystallized.

In response to this rejection, claim 1 has been amended to indicate that the amine salt is in fact recrystallized and subsequently deaminated to yield the refined 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid. As such, it is submitted that the subject matter of independent claim 1 is now commensurate in scope with the specification. Additionally, claims 2-4 have been rendered in independent form and each of claims 2-4 includes the limitation of forming an "amine salt crystal of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid" and subsequently deaminating the salt, that these claims are likewise commensurate in scope with the specification teaching. New claims 10-13, that find support in originally filed claims 5 and 6, are dependent upon claims that include the

step of amine salt formation and as such are also submitted to be commensurate in scope with the application teachings.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection as to claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is solicited.

**Summary**

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-9 have been amended and new claims 10-13 added. All of the pending claims are submitted to be in allowable form and directed to patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions as to how to improve the form of any of the pending claims, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney in charge of this application to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

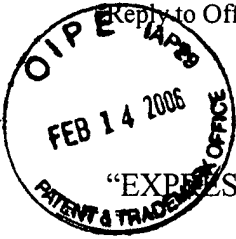


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